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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the printer rush received on 1/5/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-6,8,10,11 and 14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
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6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 2/6/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with CHARLES MERSEREAU on 2/6/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 8 (currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 6 wherein parts selected from the group consisting of the second rail, the second rail follower or both are adjustably mounted to enable the angular position of the cradle to be adjusted about the longitudinal axis of the first rail to enable the angle of the inclined face of the implement to be adjusted relative to the rectilinear path.

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the second rail follower is mounted on an arm slidably received on the cradle and a drive system provided for moving the arm longitudinally relative to the cradle.

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (cancelled)

2. Claims 8 and 11 have been amended in order to properly depend them off of claim 6. Claims 9, 12 and 13 have been cancelled because they were duplicate claims or they depended off of cancelled claims.

***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Scruggs whose telephone number is 571-272-8682. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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